existing export policy on cotton under which 5 lakh bales of cotton are released at the beginning of the cotton season. Subsequent releases are made after making the assessment of the cotton's demand and supply situation, exportable surplus etc. While releasing quotas for exports, the Government strives to balance the interests of the cotton farmers on the one hand and those of the handloom/powerloom and the mill sector on the other.

Dumping of Low-cost Textiles in the World Market by China

5558. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of China dumping in a big way of its low cost textile and clothing products in the world market;

(b) if so, whether Government have visualised its effect on India's textile export to European and other countries; the details;

(c) whether Government propose to draw up any strategy to meet this challenge and restore confidence in indigenous industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Government have no specific information in this regard.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Ceiling on Cotton Stocks

5559. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Textile Commission has imposed a ceiling on cotton stocks to be held by textile mills, the cotton trade, ginning and processing factories etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the textile mills in the country are not coming under increasing pressure from Government to make available at least 10,000 bales of hank yarn at reduced prices to the decentralised sector during April, 1994 to tide over the crisis facing the handloom sector and failing in that respect Government would ban the yarn exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) *In the case of manufacturers*—stocks to be held not in excess of three month's average consumption.

In the case of cotton, ginning and pressing factory and person (other than agriculturists)—a quantity of cotton pressed or unpressed not more than 110% of the quantity held on the last date of the corresponding month of the previous year or 100 quintals by weight, whichever is more.

(c) to (d) Indian Cotton Mills Federation (ICMF) have agreed to make available 10 million kgs. of hand yarn to handloom weavers at subsidised rates through cooperative societies all over the country between March-August, 1994.

हथकरघा उद्योग को धागे की आपूर्ति

5560. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में हथकरघा उद्योग के सामने जो सबसे बड़ी समस्या कच्चे माल के उपलब्ध होने में कठिनाई है :

(ख) यदि हां, तो हथकरघा उद्योग को धागे की आपूर्ति करने की विद्यमान व्यवस्था क्या है:

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि हथकरघा उद्योग को दिए जाने वाले धागे पर राज सहायता प्राप्त है :

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार को इस धागे की काला-बाजारी करने और अन्य क्षेत्रों में इसका उपयोग करने के सम्बन्ध में समाचार प्राप्त हुए हैं: और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस विनिर्दिष्ट धागे का प्रयोग केवल हथकरघा उद्योग में किये जाने को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए हैं ?